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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Bill Schulz, of Fulton Lewis' office, telephoned to ask if Brew Pearson's recent column quoting Allen Dulles regarding brainwashing of pilot Powers was accurate. He also stated that the Defense Department informed him that in Powers' letters to his wife, there are two falsehoods: (1) that he couldn't eject himself from his seat so he went out through the top canopy; and (2) that his parachute opened automatically. The Defense people, according to Schulz, say his ejection statement is incorrect because it doesn't lock-jam, and if his parachute opened automatically at 40,000 feet, he would have been killed.
3. I told Schulz that we have a general policy of not confirming or denying anything regarding CIA that appears in the Press. Schulz wanted to know if Mr. Dulles had ever denied the accuracy of Pearson's statements. I told him we all read them from time to time, but I have never heard of any exception to our policy being made concerning his column, so I was sorry I couldn't be helpful.

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